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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO RELOCATE, RENOVATE, UPGRADE, REOPEN, OR DEMOLISH THE HAWAII MARITIME MUSEUM BUILDING AND THE NEARBY AREAS SO THAT PIER 7 MAY SERVE AS AN ATTRACTION OF THE ALOHA TOWER COMPLEX.

1 WHEREAS, the Aloha Tower Complex on the island of Oahu is
2 the State's focal point for cruise and interisland ship
3 activity; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Maritime Center, located at pier 7 of
6 the Aloha Tower Complex, was once the principal maritime museum
7 in the State and featured Hawaii's ocean legacy, including
8 information on ancient Hawaiians who navigated the ocean, ships
9 of Hawaii's whaling era, the ocean liner golden age, and modern
10 ocean sports; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Maritime Center's exhibits and
13 attractions once included the skeleton of a humpback whale, the
14 remains of a 1,805 pound Pacific Blue Marlin, a replica of a
15 Polynesian sailing canoe, and the Falls of Clyde, the only
16 remaining iron-hulled, four-masted full-rigged ship in the
17 world; and
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19 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2009, the Bishop Museum closed the
20 Hawaii Maritime Center and the building has remained closed to
21 the public since; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Aloha Tower Development Corporation was
24 established in 1981 to develop the Aloha Tower Complex,
25 including featuring and enhancing the physical, public use, and
26 visual characteristics of the historic Aloha Tower; now,
27 therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
31 that the Aloha Tower Development Corporation is urged to develop
32 a plan to relocate, renovate, upgrade, reopen, develop, or



1 demolish the Hawaii Maritime Center and the nearby areas so that
2 pier 7 may serve as an attraction of the Aloha Tower Complex;
3 and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Aloha Tower Development
6 Corporation is urged to work with the Department of
7 Transportation, the Bishop Museum, the Friends of Falls of
8 Clyde, and other interested parties in developing the plan; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aloha Tower Development
11 Corporation is urged to submit its plan and proposed
12 legislation, if any, to this body no later than twenty days
13 prior to the Regular Session of 2016; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; the
17 President of Bishop Museum; and the President of the Friends of
18 Falls of Clyde.
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OFFERED BY:

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